

Leader of Free Cuba Unit Rips U.S. Policy

Procrastination and weakness in America's policy has helped make Cuba the danger it is today, it was charged yesterday by Paul Bethel, executive director of the Citizens Committee for a Free Cuba.

Bethel, speaking before a meeting of the United States Inter-American council in the Sheraton-Blackstone hotel, said Cuba "stands as a monument to the hesitations and mistakes which have marked our national course toward Cuba since 1960."

He charged that to attempt to live with communist Cuba for the sake of peaceful coexistence "is to submit to nuclear blackmail as the technique of communist expansion."

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"This is a road without end, and precedents established in Cuba surely will be extended to other areas of the world," he asserted.

"Our present policy seems to be one aimed at preventing any effective resistance to Castro in Cuba. Agents of our govern-

ment in Miami and elsewhere discourage unity of purpose among exile actionists, while spokesmen in Washington at the same time denounce them as divisionist and hopelessly unable to unite in an effective force. The fact is that we do not want a unified Cuba."

Warns of Isolation

Bethel warned that unless some action is taken soon, "we may awaken one day to find that it is the United States of America, not Castro's Cuba, which has been isolated thru our own lack of resolve."

"Let us clearly understand that the soviet political and military base in Cuba has the fixed purpose of continued aggression against and subversion of free government of the Americas to the end that we are isolated in our own hemisphere."

"The force will never stop on its own. It will be stopped only if there is mobilized a stronger resolve to keep our free domain inviolate."